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Customer Number 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven L. EDWARDS

Serial No.: 09/987,248

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING
WATER REMOVAL IN A
PRESS NIP

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: J. Fortuna

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2002, please amend the

application as follows:

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01 FC:103
02 FC:102
03 FC:104

354.00 CP
94.00 CP
260.00 CP

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 1, 4, and 5 to include the designation: "prior art."

Marked up copies of the drawings in red have been provided. The applicants respectfully request the Examiner's acceptance of the proposed drawing revisions.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 38-42, without prejudice, and add the following new claims:

--52. An apparatus for forming an absorbent paper sheet product comprising:

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